specific study has been undertaken in the recent past, from time to time steps have been taken to improve the news gathering and editing capability of the news media so that it can come up to international standards. Review of the capability of the Government media in projecting national and international news is a continuous process and suitable steps are taken periodically to bring professionalism in the news media subject to availability of funds, personnel and inter-se priorities within two electronic media. Acquisition of latest hardware, training of news personnel, more visual inputs, improvement in the style of presentation are some of the measures being contemplated.

Introduction of 24 Hour Doordarshan Service on Low Power Transmitters

3316. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to introduce 24 hours Doordarshan service on low power transmitter centres of country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take decision on these requests early;

(d) if so, the details thereof and names of States and Union Territories to be benefited from such decision in the first phase; and

(e) whether Government propose to cover Andhra Pradesh in the first phase?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (e) representations have been received from time to time from various quarters for extension of telecast time on Doordarshan. However, there is no proposal, at present, to start 24 hours Doordarshan service from Low Power TV Centres operating in the country.

Setting up of TV Transmitters and AIR Stations in States and U.Ts.

3317. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of projects for setting up of T.V. Transmitters/AIR stations have been undertaken in all States and Territories during the last two financial years;

(b) if so, the details thereof separately in each year State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether some of such projects have since been completed or near completion;

(d) if so, the details thereof State and Union Territory-wise with number of the same pending;

(e) whether Government propose to take up such projects in current financial year in Uttar Pradesh; and

(f) if so,the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be placed before the House shortly.

Notifying Legal Service Authorities Act, 1987 in Gujarat

3318. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Legal Service Authorities Act, 1987 has not been notifed in the State of Gujarat which is hampering the free legal aid to poor in the State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to expeditiously notify the Act in Gujarat to extend free legal aid to the poor of the State?;

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